BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

Camden County, New Jersey

COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2026

MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "Notice of this meeting has been provided in a legal notice published in the Courier Post and the Retrospect; and posted in accordance with Title 10 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, specifying a 7:00 p.m. meeting time; and that formal action may or may not be taken at all Caucus and Commissioners' meetings".

Those in attendance: Mayor Jakubowski, Commissioner Wendell, Commissioner Alemi, Solicitors Sal Siciliano & Jennifer McPeak, Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Danielle Ingves, Randolph Callaway, Superintendent Public Works & Police Chief David Bauer, CFO John Bruno Jr.

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

Meeting Minutes Approval – N/A

Ordinances:

Ordinance 2026-05:

CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

First Reading/Introduction – April 7, 2026 - Second Reading/Public Hearing – May 18, 2026

Commissioner Alemi made the foregoing motion to open to the public; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion passed. No questions from the public

Commissioner Wendell made the foregoing motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Commissioner Alemi.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2026-05was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Wendel. Unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance 2026-06:

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF $2,565,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO $2,440,000; MAKING CERTAIN

DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

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Commissioner Alemi made the foregoing motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Commissioner Wendell.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2026-06 was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendel. Unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance 2026-07:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIOENRS OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 62, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE II, STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY, SECTION 62-45, PARKING TIME LIMITED, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

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Commissioner Wendell made the foregoing motion to open to the public; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion passed. No questions from the public.

Commissioner Alemi made the foregoing motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Commissioner Wendell.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2026-07 was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. Unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance 2026-08: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 62, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON *(Handicap parking 16 N. Logan, Block 24, Lot 1.11)*

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Commissioner Wendell made the foregoing motion to open to the public; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion passed. No questions from the public.

Commissioner Alemi made the foregoing motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Commissioner Wendell.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2026-08 was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. Unanimous roll call vote.

Resolutions

Resolution 2026-110: Authorizing the 2026 municipal budget to be read by title only. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion carried.

Resolution 2026-111: Adopting the 2026 municipal budget after a public hearing.

Motion to open to the public was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion carried. No questions from the public.

Motion to closed the meeting to the public was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion carried.

Motion to Adopt the budget was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2026-112: Authorizing the payment of bills for the month of May 2026. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2026-113: Authorizing the suspension of a portion of Chapter 6 (alcoholic beverages) for Saturday, June 13, 2026, for the 100 block of West Merchant Street. The foregoing motion was made by Mayor Jakubowski; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2026-114: Authorizing reimbursement for rental fees for Block 131, Lot 1, in the amount of $300. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2026-115: Granting a totally exempt veteran deduction for 2026-2027 cancellation for Block 64, Lot17. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2026-116: Granting a totally exempt veteran deduction for 2026-2027 cancellation for Block 94, Lot 18. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2026-117: Granting a totally exempt veteran tax deduction exemption for 2026-2027 cancellation for Block 29, Lot 1.08. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2026-118: Authorizing a refund of taxes for several properties by the tax assessor due to disabled veteran status. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2026-119: Authorizing a refund of property taxes due to overpayments. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2026-120: A resolution concerning Kyle Schwezik as Tax Assessor. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2026-121: Authorizing an agreement between the Borough of Audubon and Danielle Ingves, Borough Administrator. The foregoing motion was made by Mayor Jakubowski; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2026-122: Declaring the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. The foregoing motion was made by Mayor Jakubowski; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion carried.

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in motion favor carried.

Public Comment; Gun Violence Awareness

- Leslie Kirsch, of 263 Maple Avenue, spoke as the County Community Outreach Coordinator. She discussed gun violence, emphasizing the importance of secure firearm storage and promoting the "Be SMART" program. She highlighted a 70% increase in gun violence by suicide among 10-17 year-olds over the last ten years. Asked towns to add the "Be SMART" link to their communications.

- Mr. & Mrs. Austin, 38 Ward Ave, raised concerns about a neighboring property. Issues cited include an "extreme hoarding situation" and a potential fire hazard from dry wood and old canoes along the property line. The Austins plan to replace their current fence with a new six-foot white vinyl fence and need to secure a zoning permit.The Mayor acknowledged the issue is on the Borough's radar and noted that officials have been working with the Fire Marshal's Office and Zoning.

Commissioner Wendell:

Thanked the DPW during Public Works Appreciation Week. Announced the "Young at Heart" social group meeting on May 19, 2026, featuring a reptile presentation. Promoted the annual Project Memorial ceremony at the high school on May 20, 2026. Mentioned the groundbreaking

for the Audubon Honors American Memorial. Reminded residents to properly dispose of grass cuttings.

Commissioner Alemi: Thanked the Mayor, staff, and officials for a smooth transition during his first year in office.

Mayor Jakubowski: Announced the second Pride Fashion Show on Merchant Street on June 13, 2026. Spoke about attending JAHM Fest on May 17, 2026, to stand with the Jewish community against antisemitism.

Resolution 2026-123: Approving a closed session for matters of litigation and contracts. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion carried at 7:40 pm

The foregoing motion to open the meeting was by Commission Wendell and seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. All in favor motion carried at 7:59.

The foregoing motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion carried at 8:00 pm.

Robert Jakubowski, Mayor

Absent
Andrea Wendell, Commissioner

David Alemi, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk
Date: August 18, 2026